

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LIONEL S. LAWRENCE, SR.,
Plaintiff,

v.

COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, *et al.*,
Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-CV-5307

ORDER

AND NOW, this **31st** day of **January, 2022**, upon consideration of Plaintiff Lionel S. Lawrence's Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1), and Complaint (ECF No. 2), it is **ORDERED** that:

1. Leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED** pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.
2. The Complaint is **DEEMED** filed.
3. The Complaint is **DISMISSED** for the reasons stated in the Court's

Memorandum as follows:

- a. Claims against the District Attorney's Office are **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** as barred by *Heck v. Humphrey*, 512 U.S. 477 (1994).

Lawrence may file a new case raising these claims only in the event his underlying convictions are reversed, vacated, or otherwise invalidated; and

- b. Claims against all remaining Defendants are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

4. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close this case.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ *Eduardo C. Robreno*
EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.